

center. He and his partner formulated a plan for and conducted a full scale exercise for the emergency evacuation of the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. This has become the basis for the National Sheriff's Associations class for the emergency evacuation of jails. The American Jail Association named him the association's volunteer of the year in 2005. The Fairfax County Board designated March 25, 2014 Richard Raines Day in recognition of his service to the county.

Special Gratitude Award: Earl Flanagan: Earl Flanagan has been active in our community for decades. He has served as Mount Vernon District representative to the Fairfax County Planning Commission and Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission. Earl has served as President of the Riverside Estates Civic Association and of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, and on the boards of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. A World War II veteran and former Air Force Officer, Earl served in General Patton's 3rd Army and later in Korea. He currently serves as the President of the 71st Infantry Division Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the foundation of a healthy community, and Fairfax County residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TONI ELLISON

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Toni Ellison, who passed away on June 16, 2018.

Toni was born and raised in Stockton, California, where she attended Franklin High School and graduated in 1988. After high school, she worked in a number of fields, from technology to early childhood education. Supporting the young members of the community was her passion.

She was an active participant and volunteer as a Co-Youth Advisor with the NAACP Youth Council, and worked as a Case Worker for Head Start of San Joaquin County. She took great pride and joy in giving back to her community, and ensuring that children received a quality education. Toni was a dynamic member of many community churches, where she became known as "Coach Toni" and the first "B.O.S.S. the Movement" trainer in northern California.

After being diagnosed with cancer in 2013, she began to take courses to become a certified holistic health coach and was inspired to someday create her own wellness charity to

promote natural and integral health for the body.

Toni dedicated her life to the success and spiritual wellbeing of her community, friends, and family. Her legacy will undoubtedly continue to live on through those who knew and were inspired by her.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5002 ACE RESEARCH ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5002, the ACE Research Act.

It is undeniable that more money, resources, and research needs to go into solving the many addictions, diseases, and disorders that face our society today.

H.R. 5002 amends the Public Health Service Act by augmenting the National Institutes of Health's research initiatives, by introducing more critical research that will strengthen the understanding and yield cures to the myriad of health problems that are facing Americans today.

The ACE Research Act will provide the National Institutes of Health with the necessary authority, resources and support it needs to further research and increase the fundamental biological understanding of the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and disorders.

Additionally, the research initiatives undertaken by the National Institutes of Health may be supported through transactions other than contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements under the ACE Research Act.

The ACE Research Act will provide the National Institutes of Health with the measures to implement high impact, cutting-edge research necessary to combat public health threats.

Further, the National Institutes of Health will be able to partner with companies that have the technology and resources to administer this cutting-edge research.

The National Institutes of Health conducts tremendous, groundbreaking research that investigates the causes and remedies of diseases, addictions, ailments, and other public health areas for all people.

Moreover, the National Institutes of Health is the leading government agency that is responsible for essential public health and biomedical research, which helps Americans combat the health concerns that arise daily.

The ACE Research Act will support the National Institutes of Health's research initiatives in finding cures to the growing opioid addiction in America today.

Opioid addiction, which includes the overuse of illicit and prescription drugs, is taking the lives of Americans across our nation each day.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report cited 63,632 drug overdose deaths in 2016 in America, 42,249 of which were related to opioid overdoses.

In 2016, there were 1,375 opioid-related overdose deaths in Texas, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In the city of Houston, there were 364 drug-related overdose deaths alone that happened in 2016 according to the Treatment Center, a highly respected drug and alcohol addiction treatment service center.

Therefore, it is vital that research is done concerning drug abuse and addictions, as it has been a long-term problem in our society.

According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, addiction is "a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry."

Addiction is not a choice, a moral feeling, or a lack of will-power; it is a disease of the brain that requires proper treatment.

Addiction is a longstanding mental and physical illness that many Americans are facing today, leading to their lives being compromised, and in some cases even leading to their death.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is overseeing important research to respond to this epidemic, and this bill responds favorably to its request for more flexibility in conducting research on treatments for opioid addiction and other disease areas.

This research may lead to scientific advances that may find solutions to the opioid crisis, as well as solutions to other addictions and public health threats.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5002, which will expand the National Institutes of Health's research initiatives to include valuable research that will address the multitude of health concerns facing Americans today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAVE MARKING OF ISAAC BERRY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 6, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the grave marking of Isaac Berry at the Woodside Cemetery in Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Born in 1728, Isaac Berry was a landowner, farmer, merchant, constable, sea captain, and lawyer in Yarmouth, Massachusetts. He was elected as constable in 1774, where he had the unique opportunity to directly serve the townspeople of Yarmouth. In this position he was assigned to oversee that a limited amount of British tea was consumed in Yarmouth.

In 1778, Berry joined the Yarmouth militia during the American Revolution. Under the command of Lot Crowell, he responded to the Alarm at Falmouth and the Alarm at Dartmouth. During his time, he was also responsible for guarding the prisoners of the HMS Somerset after the ship sank in Cape Cod waters.

Isaac Berry married Sarah Crowell in 1751 and together they started a family. After living a long life dedicated to his community and country, he passed away in 1803 and was buried in Yarmouth.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Isaac Berry and his contribution to the town of Yarmouth. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication on the event of his grave marking.